of our fees. This she did not do.

"At about the same time we learned in

the same way that Mrs. Sewell had retained

a lawyer named Pershing of Philadelphia

and William P. Maloney, who has an office

on Wall street. We would not substitute

in their favor either, and they brought

a proceeding returnable before Justice

Giegerich yesterday morning to force us

out. The proceeding was brought in the

wrong district and was transferred to Kings

continue the divorce action. We had wit-

lesses ready to testify yesterday, but could

not go on on account of this motion for

substitution of attorneys. We have been acting in entire good faith throughout.

For that matter, in my opinion, the other

lawyers employed by Mrs. Sewell are all

reputable gentlemen and far above the

BULLET FOR GEN. BALDWIN.

Whizzed by His Head During Practise at

DENVER, Col., Aug. 22.-Gen. Frank D.

Saldwin narrowly escaped death from a

builet fired by a soldier at Fort Logan

just before he left here for his new com-

The men were supposed to be firing

blank catridges, but one contained a bullet

which whizzed so close to the head of Gen.

Baldwin that he said he fancied he could

smell it, and the odor was not unlike a

hard boiled egg.

It is charged that the bullet was fired

in a deliberate attempt to murder the com-

manding officer. The incident was passed

over lightly, so far as the enlisted men

were concerned, but it was taken very

seriously by the officers, and it is under-

stood a report was made to the War De-

Krag Jorgensen rifle bury itself in a water

tank in the shade of which he was standing,

directing the movements of the sham

skirmish, in the field on the outskirts of the

The other officers were not inclined to

take the same view of the incident and a

searching investigation was made in the

hope of discovering the man who substi-

tuted for a blank shell a loaded one and

Several troopers who served in Gen.

Baldwin's command in the Philippines and

who are said to have harbored a grudge,

were suspected in connection with the

stray shot," but there was a lack of tangi-

ble evidence to warrant their arrest and

PLUNGER AT DYSTER BAY.

President Rossevelt May See Submarin

Do Stunts To-day or To-morrow.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 22.-The sub-

marine boat Plunger, in command of Lieut.

Charles P. Nelson, arrived here at 6 o'clock

to-night, convoyed by the tug Apache.

The date on which the President is going

from the deck of the Sylph has not been

officially given out, but it probably will be

either to-morrow or Thursday. The aim

tests is to promote daring and initiative

in the navy and to encourage the use of the

The Plunger left the Brooklyn navy yard

at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The workmen

who fixed the motors finished the job early

Then, at the request of Rear Admiral

Coghlan, Lieut. Nelson ran the Plunger

around the basin to test the motive power,

which worked satisfactorily. The crew boarded the Plunger and she started up

the East River in tow of the Apache. At

Fort Schuyler the Plunger cast off from the

Apache and proceeded under her own

SAD FUTURE FOR FOUNDLINGS.

North Dakota Official Says Children Fron

New York Go Into Bad Hands.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 22.—Last Saturday a special car filled with children, none

more than 4 years old, passed through

Minneapolis. Eleven of the little ones,

who were sent out by a foundling society

in New York, were placed in homes near

the Twin Cities, and forty, in charge of Miss

Grace Holburton of New York and four

Children's Home at Fargo said that these

and other children sent out from Eastern

cities were doomed to drudgery which

Twenty-seven applicants for the orphans,

children of their own, lived on farms far

from towns and schools and were illiterate

Among these people, who hold aloof from

Americans and cling to old Russian cus-

toms, the orphans would be reared unless

the State authorities can prevent it. This

they hope to be able to do under an old

law which prohibits the importation of

PRETTY EARLY FOR HER.

Woman Who Has Driver Arrested Docon't

Usually Get Up at 9 o'Clock.

A woman and an asphalt wagon driver

entertained a crowd at Forty-fifth street

and Sixth avenue yesterday afternoon. The woman berated the driver for driving

The woman berated the driver for driving horses to a heavy load.

The driver was Irish and his replies were spirited. They became so spirited that Policeman Thomas Nulty took a hand in the doings and arrested the driver. He was taken to the East Fifty-first street station, where he said he was John Powers, but refused to say anything more about

out refused to say anything more abou

himself.

"Do you wish to make a complaint against this man?" asked the sergeant.

"I do," said the woman. "My name is Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart, and I am the widow of William Stewart. My address is \$1

To-day Supt. Hall of the North Dakota

men, were sent on to Dakota.

would amount to serfdom.

needy or orphan children.

and unclean.

submarine.

in the day.

fired at the commanding officer.

the matter was allowed to drop.

Gen. Baldwin is said to have laughed

partment at Washington.

reservation.

Fort Logan-Intent Suspected

suspicion of improper practises."

mand in Oklahoma.

"Meanwhile we had been endeavoring to

ment for our services.

## BLACK MAIL, SEWELL'S ANSWER

LAWYER SAYS WIFE'S COUNSEL ASKED HALF MILLION

To Call Off Suit in Tennessee to Annul Divorce Decree-Adds That Bemand Was Reduced to \$50,000 and That He May Appeal to the District Attorney.

The charge was made yesterday on behalf of Barton Sewell, vice-president of the American Smelting and Refining Company and president of the United Lead Company. that the bill filed in Tennessee demanding an annulment of the divorce secured by Mr. Sewell in that State and an action brought in the Supreme Court in this State were steps in proceedings to extort money from the defendant.

The charge was made by Henry J. Mo-Cormick of Jones & McCormick, 27 Pine street, who is Mr. Sewell's lawyer. He absolves the first wife, Julia Thayer Sewell. of wrongful intent, saying that she is easily led and is being used as a tool by lawyers. This attempt to annul Mr. Sewell's

divorce and to declare illegal his second marriage," said Mr. McCormick, "is nothing new. More than three months before the filing of the bill in chancery in Tenressee an action was begun in the Supreme Court in Suffolk county, this State, to secure a divorce for Julia Thayer Sewell. It was alleged in the complaint among other things that no proceeding for divorce had brought against the former Mrs. Sewell. Issue was joined on this allegation and referred to Attorney Arington Carman of Patchogue.

Both before and since the commencement of this action repeated attempts have been made to blackmail my client. At first certain lawyers approached me as his representative and demanded \$500,000 as the price of peace.

There are such serious defects in the divorce proceedings conducted by Mr. Sewell in Tennessee,' they said, 'that the divorce can easily be set aside. Once that is done Mr. Sewell will be indicted and prosecuted for bigamy and also for subornation of perjury, and these things will be done unless the money is forthcoming.

"Later other lawvers came to me, renresented themselves as attorneys for Mrs. Sewell and agreed to settle the matter for \$300,000. At a still later time an offer was made to stop all proceedings for

"Mr. Sewell, of course, absolutely refused to be blackmailed. If he thought that his former wife was in want undoubtedly he would assist her, but he knows that to be impossible, for he has settled upon her property giving an annual income of \$12,000. He is confident, too, that the various demands for money are not animated by his wife, but spring entirely from the cupidity of certain lawyers.

"Mr Sewell from the time of the first attempt at blackmail, has been anxique that I turn over the whole matter to the District Attorney. 'Acting under his orders, I have prepared a case which I may give to the authorities any day.

Just who the lawyers are would be a matter of great public interest, but I shall not disclose their names until criminal eedings are brought. One of them is a member of a very well known Wall Street | She came under her own steam. She firm. Some of the others are comparatively anchored behind the naval yacht Sylph, every one would recognize. Of course, l want it understood that I by no means charge improper practises against all the attorneys who have acted for Mrs. Sewell. She has had a great many lawyers, and even now there is a controversy among three firms as to which has been retained

by her. The last assertion was corroborated by court proceedings in this city and Brooklyn yesterday. In this city a hearing was held in the offices of Cornelius J. Early, 271 Broadway, before Referee Carman. The object of the hearing was to take testimony in the divorce action brought by Julia Thayer Sewell. Two firms of attorneys, each purporting to appear for Mrs. Sewell, were represented and an adjournment was taken pending decision of a motion made by one of them to oust the other from the case. Mr. McCormick objected to the adjournment.

"I served notice at a prior hearing two weeks ago," he said, "when attorneys for the plaintiff were unprepared to go sheed that I would not consent to another adjournment. There is no merit to this case and it ought to be dismissed."

Charles C. Lookwood of Gilbert & Lockwood, 346 Broadway, which firm is the attorney of record in the divorce proceedings brought by Mrs. Julia Thayer Sewell in this State, denied emphatically last night that there was the slightest attempt to extort money as far as he and his associates were concerned. He explained the litigation as follows:

Early in March; while Mrs. Sewell in Rome, a friend wrote to her that her husband was securing a divorce. She cabled her mother and learned that she had been divorced and that her husband had taken a new wife. She came home at once, arriving in New York the

latter part of March. "In a few days she came to my office and asked me to look up her martail status. I formed the opinion that she had not been legally divorced, but was not willing to trust to my opinion alone in such an important matter. I accordingly engaged as ounsel Former Assistant District Attorney Wellman of Wellman, Gooch & Smythe on New York law; Col. William A. Henderson of Tennessee, general counsel for the Southern Railroad, on the law of that State, and Attorney General McCarter of New Jersey Sewell's second marriage. All these gentle-

brought an action for divorce. Soon after the suit was begun Mr. Sewell made us a proposition in writing to increase our client's alimony from \$10,500 a year to \$12,000. The proposition had no reference to a discontinuance of the divorce diligently, but could find no instance in which men of even greater wealth than Mr. Sewell had been forced by court order to Jay as much. We accordingly advised Mrs. Sewell to settle the alimony phase of the litigation at once, and she agreed in

men agreed with me, and I accordingly

writing to do so. short time thereafter she came to us and said she was dissatified with our advice concerning alimony and wanted to change lawyers. We told her we had no objection

New York Central trains can be had only by lying them some time in advance—trains are run-ng full. The New York Central is the passenger

#### All that was necessary was the payment LIONESS STAMPEDES THRONG. "Charles H. Werner, a member of the

firm of Sheehan & Collin, came to see us, BOUNDS FROM CAGE AND IS SUBsaid Mrs. Sewell had placed her interests in DUED BY ARMED MEN. his hands and asked us to consent to a substitution. We declined pending pay-

Women and Children Trampled in a Wild Rush for Safety-Volleys Cow the Big Beast and Torch Drives Her From Her Hiding Place Into Shipping Cage.

Escaping from a cage in which she was confined with her mate, a full grown lioness caused panic among five thousand persons last night in Electric Park, Newark. The cage is a cup shaped structure, in which a performer as Tourbillon does a cycle whirl "above real live lions." The lioness, known to her keeper as Louise, made her escape about 10 o'clock, just after Tourbillon's act had come to a premature finish.

Tourbillon is the feature of the week at the park. His exhibition is given in the open, a short distance from a row of fakers' booths known as "The Pike." people crowded close around the cage, except on one side, where there was not a good view of the lions. The act went on well until by some accident the rider was thrown from his wheel, which fell clattering

to the bottom of the cage among the lions. He grabbed one of the ribs of the structure, clambered out through a small opening or doorway and dropped to the ground. A keeper went into the cage to get the wheel. As he started to drag it out the lioness sprang on his back. He managed to shake her off, and as he did so an assistant opened the door by which he had entered. Like a flash the lioness sprang out of the doorway.

The crowd had stepped back as the keeper entered the cage, and from the doorway there was an open space through the crush of people. Through this space the big beast bounded, looking neither to right nor left and heading for the western side of the park. Instantly shouts and screams arose and the terrified growd rushed pell mell for the park exit to the north. Men, women and children fell over each other in the stampede.

as he saw the steel tipped bullet from a The women and children were in the majority. Many of them were roughly handled or were knocked down and trampled. A number of women fainted and lay on the ground until they were "A miss is as good as a mile," the General carried off. Meanwhile the lioness had prossed the "Pike" and hidden berself in a dark space between several buildings and the high board fence which forms the west-

ern boundary of the park. The fakers deserted their booths or stowed themselves away in closets or any other hiding place they could find. Employees of the park, the keeper and his assistants and others scoured the neighborhood for guns and pistols and soon a formidable array of men with weapons had drawn themselves up in a semi-circle around the place where the lioness was known to be. Once or twice she showed herself and

was promptly greeted with a hail of bullets. After two or three experiences of this sort she wisely adopted the tactics of brer rabbit When it became evident she did not intend. to come out the shipping cage in which she and her mate were brought to the park was brought out and shoved up close to her hiding place .

She was finally cornered between a building and the fence. A man went behind rith a torch, and waving it close to slammed the door behind her and her little o watch the Plunger's stunts in the Sound outing was at an end. Meanwhile her mate, solitary in his captivity, gave vent roars which kept the neighborhood for of the President in observing the Plunger's over a mile around in a state of excitement.

## NO SEATS FOR IMMIGRANTS.

Italian Steamship Captain Arrested-Defends Lack of Accommodations.

On the complaint of Collector Stranshan Capt. Eugenio Lavarello of the steamship Citta di Napoli of the fast Italian line in last Friday from Naples, was arrested vesterday by United States Marshal Henkel charged with having failed to provide a sufficient number of tables and chairs for the steerage passengers.

campaign which the customs authorities of this port have been waging against in-fringers of the passenger act of 1888.

Capt. Lavarello was held in \$500 bail for examination by Commissioner Ridgeway. The bail was furnished by Bolognesi, Hartfield & Co., the local agents of the steamship company. Customs Inspector Longstreet. who made the inspection of the steamer, said that no seats whatever had been provided in the dining room for the steerage

The representatives of the steamship line admitted that no seats were provided for the steerage passengers, but made the singular defense that they were practically under instructions from the Italian Government not to provide seats.

It seems that a commissioner representing the Italian Government accompanies every vessel sailing from an Italian port he said, were Russians. Many of them had with emigrant passengers and that it is his duty to see that these passengers are properly cared for.

Collector Stranahan learned that the commissioner on the Citta di Napoli had raised no objections to the failure of the com-pany to furnish seats. In fact the commissioner told the Collector that the passengers preferred to stand up to their meals or eat them sitting on the deck. He said that they were not accustomed to sit at

tables in their own country. Collector Stranahan said yesterday that he had to enforce the law, whether or not the Italian Government officially approves a buffet luncheon. Asked if there might not arise a question of international law the Collector said he didn't care to discuss that point.

## AGROUND IN THE FOG.

Coal Carrying Schooner Marvin E. Rock hill's Crew Taken Off by Lifesavers.

AMAGANSETT, L. I., Aug. 22.-The hooner Marvin E. Rockhill, loaded with soft coal and bound east, grounded this morning during a dense fog two miles east of this place. The crew of five was taken off by the lifesavers of the Amagansett station. At the time the crew left the vessel had sprung a leak and was making water rapidly. There is a heavy surf and it is believed the schooner will break up, as she is in a bad position. The lifesaver and crew stood by her as long as possible.

of William Stewart. My address is 31 Madison avenue."

"Then appear in the Fifty-seventh street court at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning," said the sergeant.

"Oh, dear! I never could do that. I haven't been up so early in years, sergeant. Couldn't you make it later?" she asked.

The sergeant assured her that he couldn't and she went away promising to be on time.

ROBBER KILLS MRS. S. E. MIZE. New York Woman Shot White Resisting JAPAN TO OFFER Ruffian in a Chicago Street.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.-Mrs. S. E. Mize of New York, who has been a guest at the Hotel del Prado, a fashionable hostelry in Hyde Park, was sont and killed by a robber near Fifty-eighth street and Washington avenue late to-night. Mrs. Mize, in company with Mrs. E. F. Wilson of Las Cruces. N. M., was walking along Washington avenue when accosted by the holdup man Mrs. Wilson ran, but [Mrs. Mize stopped, throwing up her right hand in an attempt

to resist the ruffian. The robber fired a shot at the woman; the built piercing her heart and causing almost instant death. The murderer then fled, disappearing up an alley.

BLAZE ON HOTEL ROOF GARDEN. Sends Message to Russian Envoys Lighted Cigarette Fires Awning at the Navarre-Woman Burned.

Some one threw a lighted cigarette from an upper story of the Hotel Navarre. Thirty-seventh street and Seventh avenue, last night. The hotel has a garden which runs along the roofs for half a block on the one story buildings on the south side of the hotel. It is covered with a canvas a wning.

The cigarette set fire to the awning, but no one noticed the blaze until a flaming piece of canvas fell inside the bodice of one of the women guests. She was slightly burned.

An engine house in Thirty-seventh street sent a few firemen to put out the blaze. There was practically no damage but plenty of excitement.

#### FERRYBOAT HELPLESS. Hackensack of College Point Line Breaks

Piston and Drifts on Rock. The ferrybcat Hackensack of the College Point ferry, with about 400 passengers, broke a piston rod as she left her slip at East Ninety-ninth street at 6:15 o'clock last night. The ferryboat drifted down stream until she brought up on Flood Rock,

off Ninety-sixth street. Capt. Paul Marcus sent the crew among the passengers and told them that there was no danger.

The Hackensack grounded easily on Flood Rock and there was no panic. Capt. Marcus blew a distress signal and the Health Department tug Franklin Edson and the fireboat Zophar Mills came to his rescue. Lines were passed to the Hackensack and she was towed to 106th street, where the passengers were put ashore. The ferryboat laid up for repairs.

#### PEACE OFFER TO SWEDEN. Norway Asks Her Cooperation in the Disselution.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUE. LONDON, Aug. 23.—A despatch to the passage by the Norwegian Storthing yesterday of a resolution requesting Sweden to cooperate in the dissolution of the union and authorizing the Norwegian Government to open negotiations to that end has given general satisfaction throughout Scandinavia and goes far toward ending the strained relations between the two

countries. It is no secret that for the last few weeks both countries have been actively preparing for war. Swedish naval conscripts have been retained in service beyond the regulation term and a number of cadets who failed to pass the examinations got commissions. Norway placed large orders for ammunition in England.

#### POLICEMEN HURT IN RUNAWAY. Acting Capt. Wilson and Patrolman Secbeck Badly Injured.

Acting Capt. J. N. Wilson and Patrolman Henry Seebeck of the Bronx Park station were injured in a runaway accident late last night. Seebeck's head was cut and his ankle and wrist broken. One of Wilson's fingers was torn off, his right arm was broken, and the doctors think he is injured internally. They were driving in a carriage and the shaft broke, frightening the horse, at 178th street and the Boston

Both men were thrown out. Seebeck struck on his head on the pavement. Wilson pitched forward and was caught in the wrecked vehicle. He was dragged a block and a half before the horse got loose from the carriage. The horse was caught after

#### TOWN BOMBARDED FROM ABOVE. Downpour of Ice Smashes Windows and

Ruins Crops at Schenectady. SCHENECTADY, N. Y.; Aug. 22.-An elec trical storm, accompanied by hail, broke suddenly over Schenectady this afternoon. The storm came almost without warning and the meroury dropped fifteen degrees in five minutes. The hailstones, some of which were irregular chunks of ice, came down at a sharp angle. Hundreds of windows were smashed and in the west side of the German Methodist Church every window was broken.

One hailstone was 4% by 2% inches in Advices from the country say the fruit crops have been ruined. The hail clipped eaves and branches from shade trees and

these fill the streets. The hailstones were of peculiar formation, the larger ones being concave, with sharp upturned edges and as hard as flint, cutting like a knife. Many persons were hurt and several horses ran away.

### FOUND IN SKIFF 40 MILES OUT. Girl and Her Flance Spend Porty Hours Without Food.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.-Miss Zelda Stewart and her flance, John Chartres, were found in an open boat forty miles out in Lake Michigan late this afternoon, almost famished. They had been without food for forty hours. The couple left Chicago in a rowboat Sunday night for a ride on the

They were found by the crew of a steam launch which had been cruising all day in search of them. When Miss Stewart and her flance w taken aboard the launch both were un-

conscious. Up to a late hour to-night neither had revived sufficiently to give details of their

LABOR DAY EXCURSIONS.

# EASIER TERMS.

# That's What Portsmouth Hears. and Hope of Peace is Again Aroused.

PRESIDENT ACTIVE.

and Gets Prompt Reply.

Direct Telegraph Wire From Witte's Headquarters to Sagamore Hill Carries Code Answer to Reserveit's Proposition -His Message Carried by Special Messenger-Pertamouth Believes Czar's Envoys Have Received Instructions Not to Recede From Their Position on the Disputed Points-New Proposals From Japan Would at Least Postpone the Crists-Envoys to Meet This Morning

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 22.-For the first time since Friday, when the plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan held their last session, the outlook for peace is regarded as bright and promising.

Not that there has been any positive assurance given from any authoritative source that the exchanges are to result in a treaty, but it is understood that the Japanese envoys have received advices from their Government which will permit them to make concessions or at least to assume a more conciliatory attitude toward the Russians through the submission of new conditions that will serve as a basis for further discussion and prevent the exchanges from ending disastrously within the next few days.

It is useless to predict in the light of the limited information at hand what the Japanese will have to propose, but the black cloud of pessimism that was hanging over the conference has partly dissolved to-night and a decided feeling of hopefulness is in the air.

President Roosevelt is to-night in direct communication with the Russian peace envoys in a final effort to prevent a failure of the conference, carrying out his determination to use all the means and influence within his power toward averting a continuance of the Far Eastern war. Little hope is entertained, however, that this endeavor of the President's will prove successful as far as it relates to the Russian

The Russian envoys received positive instructions from their Government tonight that they must not recede from their refusal to accept the Japanese demands with reference to indemnity, the cession of Sakhalin Island, the limitation of the Russian naval forces in the Pacific and the surrender of the interned ships.

But the Russians have not heard the news that Japan is likely to modify its erms. Nothing has yet appeared to show that President Roosevelt has been in correspondence with the Japanese envoys; but it is not unlikely that the favorable change that seems to be in sight was due to his influence. Mr. Saki, the secretary of Baron Kaneko, who saw the President yesterday, is in Portsmouth, and may have been the medium of communication between the President and the Japanese plenipoten-

To-morrow will be the crucial day in the negotiations, according to the best opinion, and there is a feeling among some of those concerned in the negotiations that another twenty-four hours will make it plain whether the war shall cease or go on. THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Another communication from President Roosevelt was delivered to the Russian plenipotentiaries to-day. It was sent from Ovster Bay to Portsmouth in the custody of J. L. McGrew, one of the executive clerks of the White House staff. The President's message was in writing and was handed over by Mr. McGrew to Herbert H. D. Peirce, Third Assistant Secretary of State and the President's representative here, who in turn presented it formally to Mr.

Witte and Baron Rosen. From the best information obtainable it is understood that this new communication from Mr. Roosevelt has not changed the status of the peace situation, at least from the standpoint of the Russians, but they have information from St. Petersburg which tends to make the outlook for peace brighter than it was.

The President requested an answer by this evening and Mr. Witte and Baron

## ROOSEVELT'S EARNEST EFFORTS

It is evident that the strenuous and earnest man at Oyster Bay is devoting himself with characteristic anthusiasm to his great effort to bring about a termination of hostilities between the two belligerents. He has not been bound by precedent or the dictates of strict international etiquette in his attempt to save the day for peace. Among the Russians here there is a profound respect for the President's high office and a tremendous admiration for his personality, and the knowledge that he is terribly in earnest in his present work as a

peacermker has had the effect of partly 80.00 Niagara Falls—Teresto \$10.50.

was hanging over the Portsmouth exchanges.

Mr. McGrew arrived here last night direct from Oyster Bay. The written message which he bore from President Rooseveit was not in cipher, but Mr. McGrew had instructions for Mr. Pairce that the response of the Russian envoys should be transmitted in cipher. The original intention was to use the naval secret code. It was ascertained at Oyster Bay, after Mr. McGrew departed, however, that there was no naval code book in the possession of the President.

Shortly after his arrival here last evening Mr. McGrew was notified to use the State Department cipher, but here again difficulty was encountered, for it was found that Assistant Secretary Peirce had not brought a Department code book to Portsmouth. When this information was communicated to Oyster Bay the President sent orders to the acting Secretary of State in Washington to send a copy of the Department code to Portsmouth by special messenger. Col. W. H. Michael, the chief clerk of the Department, left Washington at midnight with the code book. He reached Portsmouth this evening and delivered the book to Mr. Peirce who met him at the Hotel Wentworth. RUSSIAN REPLY SENT IN CODE.

How critical the President regards the situation may be gathered from the fact that ty his direction unusual measures were taken to keep him in close communication with the Russian envoys. A special telegraph wire was rigged up connecting the quarters of Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen in the Hotel Wentworth with the President's residence at Sagamore Hill, and over this the response which the Czar's plenipotentiaries have made to the President's latest suggestion was sent to-night in the State Department cipher.

The message of the Russians was handed to Mr. Peirce and was translated by State Department employees into the secret cipher symbols of the American diplomatic

Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen were called to the navy yard to-day to receive the unexpected message from President Roosevelt. They had made an engagement to be photographed with the newspaper men who are reporting the conference, but when the time set for taking the picture arrived they had not appeared. After half an hour's delay a message came by telephone from the navy yard that the Russian envoys would not be able to keep the engagement until later in the day.

While the correspondents were waiting for them Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen were engaged in reading the President's comnunication. It was delivered to them personally by Assistant Secretary Peirce. They returned to the Wentworth in time for luncheon and afterward had a consultation, at which, it is supposed, their response to the President was prepared.

WHAT THE MESSAGES PROBABLY CONTAIN. There is an indisposition on the part of anything about the character of Mr. Roose velt's communication, but it is gathered from the guarded remarks made in response to inquiries that it is in effect a repetition of the President's tender of good offices between Russia and Japan, with the object of endeavoring to secure from each side sufficient concessions to afford a sound tasis for further negotiations.

While the Russian envoys' response sent to the President to-night has not been disclosed, its character may be surmised from the fact that Mr. Witte has received instructions from St. Petersburg to stand fast to the position which he and Baron Rosen have assumed and to make no concessions to the Japanese with regard to indemnity and cession of territory.

· NO SESSION YESTERDAY. There was no meeting of the envoys today. When they adjourned on last Friday it was with the agreement that they should meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of comparing the protocols of the conference. But it was found this morning that owing to changes made in the form of the protocols by the Japanese rewriting was necessary, and a further postpenement was required to enable the secretaries to finish the work. It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

There was some irritation on the part o the Russians over the action of the Japanese in causing the delay and a disposition to charge them with endeavoring to make the conference drag along unnecessarily.

The news this evening, however, that the Japanese Government has assumed a more conciliatory attitude furnishes an explanation for the circumstance of which the Russians complain. It is apparent that Japan's envoys were playing for time in order to enable them to receive expected advices of an important character from DENIAL PROM MR. PEIRCE.

Mr. Peirce, the President's representative at the peace conference; gave out a

prepared statement - to-night denying a despatch from Portsmouth that appeared in afternoon newspapers to the effect that there had been a conference at the navy yard to-day between the Russian envoys and a special commissioner of President Roosevelt. It is given herewith out of courtesy to Mr. Peirce:

"No envoy or representative of the President had any conference with Mr. Witte or Baron Rosen to-day. Nor did I have any conference with either of them, nor was I closeted with them. They had business at the navy yard, and my duties required me to be present at the yard to make suitable arrangements for their comfort, but in no way, shape or form or manner did I have any conference with them on behalf of the

ENTERNATIONAL AUTOMOBILE GONTESTS on Cape May Beach, Friday this deterday morning, for word's mile see The Security States

dissolving the black cloud of pessimism that President in relation to their negotiations

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with Japan." WITTE HAS STOMACH TROUBLE.

"Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen had in tended to remain longer in the navy yard in consequence of which I had luncheon prepared for them, but owing to derangement of the stomach, from which he has been suffering for several days, Mr. Witte being under the care of a physician at the Wentworth, deemed it inadvisable to remain for luncheon at the yard, and therefore took his departure at an earlier hour than usual, leaving some of his secretaries; who continued their work in the conference

PAY NO "LARGE" INDEMNITY. Russian Foreign Office New Limits the Prohibition.

building until 7:30 o'clock."

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 22.-Replying to inquiries this afternoon the Foreign Office reaffirmed positively that under no circumstances would Russia pay a large indemnity. During the negotiations Russia had given abundant proof of her desire to make an equitable agreement, but she could not make further concessions. If Japan was desirious of peace it rested with her to modify her proposals.

Anxiety lest the Japanese find a way of ecuring the greatest ultimate advantage from the peace conference which seemed to open auspiciously for Russia is already exercising the official world.

The Foreign Office ascribes the postponement solely to the minute formalism of the Japanese in arriving at the final text of the resolutions on the articles discusse but there is undisguised anxiety that she will fix Russia in the acceptance of principles which at some later period Russia will

PARIS. Aug. 22.-A despatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg says that the Council the Empire at a meeting with the Czar Peternof declared in favor of peace and ordered the Russian plenipotentiaries to make a fresh proposal regarding indemnity, but not to conclude an unfavorable peace, as the army in Manchuria was sure of

ROOSEVELT STILL HOPEFUL.

Prepared Message to Russians After His Talk With Baron Kaneko.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 22.-The President still inclines to the hope that peace will be the result of the conference which he set in motion. still exchanging messages with Ports-mouth and sticks tenaciously to his task of doing all that he can to make the conference a success.

The adjournment of the conference for another day, it seems certain, was due to President Roosevelt's influence. John L. McGrew, a clerk, left the executive offices at 3 o'clock yesterday and took the 3:19 train for New York, on his way to Portsmouth. The President, it is known, spent two hours with his secretary after Baron Kaneko left yesterday, and there is no doubt that he dictated an important mes-

sage to the Russian envoys. The President, as has been stated in these despatches, had something in reserve against a possible crisis. His purpose is firm to do all that in him lies to bring about

peace. believed here, resulted in a cordial agree ment on the part of both Russia and Japan to accept the President's tender of his good

Baron Kaneko yesterday clearly outlined to the President just what Japan's position is: That she is willing to further the cause of peace and perhaps even make concessions with regard to the amount of the indemnity, but that an indemnity Japan

is bound to have.

The President believes that another year's fighting would be carried on at a terrible cost to humanity. A note of this tenor, it is supposed, the President ad-dressed to the Russian envoys at Portsmouth, and the receipt of this note is in all probability the true reason for the further adjournment to-day.

Judging from the President's contin hopefulness, there is reason to believe that peace, over which Portsmouth is so gloomy, still has a fighting chance. There is reason to hope that Russia is bound to be influenced by the President's ceaseless en eavors for peace. There are, of cours the reports that the Czar is obdurate against indemnity and the cession of Sakhalin and that he cent a copy of Gen. Linievitch's plea for war to Mr. Witte But it is nevertheless believed here that at the last moment Russia will see the wie dom of the President's suggestion and agree to consider the question of indemnity. And once Bussia agrees to indemnity, by

IN TORIO IF THEY MEET AGAIN. What Japanese Envoys Are Advised to Tel

Toxio, Aug. 23.-The Jiff says to-day: The cession of the island of Sakhalin and the reimbursement of Japan for her war expenses are the vital points of our de mands. They leave no room for com-promise. If the Russians refuse, our deleand tell them that the next meeting take place at Tokió."

The Asaki declares that Japan is fighting the Russian Government and does not entertain any ill feeling toward the Carrie oppressed subjects. The Russians surely will appreciate what Japan has done in

winning a constitution for them. RUSSIA HOLDS UP THE BANKS.

Failing to Get Foreign Loan It Takes 200,000,000 Bubles at Heme. Special Gable Despatch to Tam Sun,

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 23.—Regarding the Government's method of placing the new internal loan the Slove makes the following observations: The Ministry of Finance tried to secure

a foreign loan; but falled and was com-pelled to recourse to an issue of 200,000,000 rubles; which was not offered to the public; but was simply entered upon the budge of the imperial debt. This is a return of the impersa Good the interest money.

"The Government has been compelled to resort again to this system: A committee of Russian banks has been invited under Government pressure to hand over 120,000,000 do rubles of disengaged funds to the Inte-